

## **News Release**

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## Firefighters extinguish structure fires in Hanapēpē, Kapa'a Tuesday

HANAPĒPĒ and KAPA'A – Firefighters extinguished two structure fires that broke out Tuesday afternoon on Ahi Road in Hanapēpē and Hoku Road in Kapa'a.

No injuries were reported. Kaua'i Police Department personnel and volunteers with the American Red Cross also responded.

Firefighters from the Kalāheo, Hanapēpē, and Waimea fire stations were dispatched to a structure fire on Ahi Road in Hanapēpē at approximately 5:10 p.m.

The crew from the Hanapēpē fire station first arrived on scene at approximately 5:15 p.m. and discovered light smoke and no flames on the first floor living room. Because the building was equipped with a working smoke alarm, the occupants were able to respond quickly and were joined by fire crews to minimize the damages to the building. The occupants declined AMR and Red Cross services.

After accessing the incident, firefighters cleared the scene at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Fire inspectors estimate the damage to the structure and its contents to be roughly \$12,000.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

While crews were responding to the fire in Hanapēpē, firefighters from the Kaiākea and Kapa'a fire stations were dispatched to a fire in an unoccupied structure on Hoku Road in Kapa'a at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Crews arrived on scene at approximately 5:25 p.m., discovered a fire on the first floor balcony, and a Good Samaritan using a water hose to weaken the fire. Firefighters were then able to extinguish the fire and cleared the scene at approximately 6:05 p.m.

According to a preliminary report, the cause of the fire appears to be electrical.

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